

THAT SERVICE PENSION ORDER

It Has Raised Quite a Commotion in Congressional Ranks.

CONSIDERED GOOD POLITICS

It is Claimed by Some, However, That the President Has Usurped the Power of Congress in Issuing the Order.

Washington, March 19.—President Roosevelt is being criticised by democrats in the house for having issued the order which gives a service pension to veterans of the civil war.

The republicans, as a rule, praise him. All agree that he has exerted a shrewd political move.

Much pressure has been brought to bear on the house by old soldiers for the passage of a service pension law, and it was the intention of the republicans to pass such a bill in the house and then permit it to die in the senate.

The democrats believe that the president has usurped the power of congress. They hold that the issuance of this order is but another step in the dangerous policy of "legislation by construction."

The Estimated Cost.

The democratic leader, John Sharp Williams, referred to the matter in a speech, Friday, in the house.

Some of the republicans feel that the president is exceeding his authority in doing by executive order through a liberal construction of the pension laws what congress only should do by legislation.

Chairman Sulloway of the committee on pensions does not believe the present service pension scheme will add more than from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 to the pension rolls, but the estimate of the democratic members is from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Chairman Sulloway believes that the amount turned back into the treasury each year from the pension appropriation bill will be enough to carry out the order. During 1900, 1901 and 1902, more than \$5,000,000 was returned because of rejected applications.

Sulloway said 90,000 names of men over 62 would be added to the pension roll this year and 103,000 next. He thinks the high water mark will be reached next year.

Speaker Cannon said: "I think it is a very just order."

Effort to Ignore Congress.

Representative Meyer, of Indiana, the ranking democratic member of the pensions committee, said: "It would have been all right for the president to issue this order if congress had refused to act or had adjourned without taking action, but as it is, it looks like an attempt to ignore congress. The pension committee would have taken up the service pension bill next Saturday. I am in favor of ignoring the executive order and going ahead with the bill. The thing should be accomplished by law, for if one administration could issue such an order another administration could rescind it."

Leader Williams does not care to discuss the order further than to say: "At first blush it looks very much like executive legislation."

Mr. Smith declared that it was "usurpation of the powers of congress by the executive."

Members of the committee on pensions are now talking of going ahead with the consideration of the service pension despite the president's action, holding that the service pension should be established by law, as any executive order can be rescinded by executive order.

MISSING FROM CONFERENCE

The Second Time Rev. Joseph A. Bennett Has Got Lost Going to Conference.

Philadelphia, March 19.—The absence of Rev. Joseph A. Bennett, of Centerville, Lancaster county, from the Philadelphia M. E. conference, has resulted in a search being made for the missing member. Mr. Bennett's charge is in Presiding Elder A. G. Kynett's district. Rev. Mr. Kynett says Mr. Bennett left his home for this city last Friday, but has not appeared in the conference. Elder Kynett further states that the missing clergyman's conference collections are safe with Mr. Bennett's family.

Failure to find Mr. Bennett will result in an executive session of the conference, at which his disappearance will be discussed.

In 1902 Rev. Bennett was stationed at Lansford. He mysteriously disappeared on his way to the conference at Columbia in 1903. The conference learned that he had been ill, and no action was taken.

Chickens Stealing a Felony.

Frankfort, Ky., March 19.—The legislature has passed a bill, which the governor is expected to sign, making chicken stealing a felony. It is expected that when the bill becomes a law there will be fewer chicken coops disturbed.

Victim of Blood Poisoning.

St. Louis, March 19.—William Ballhorn, an undertaker of Venice, Ill., and deputy coroner of Madison county, died at his home, in Venice, Thursday, from blood poisoning contracted, it is said, from handling a dead body.

Against Bishop Bonanum.

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—Bishop Bonanum of the Catholic see of Lincoln has been defeated in the long-pending controversy with Father William Murphy, one of the priests of his diocese, by an opinion rendered by the supreme court.

Celebrated St. Patrick's Day.

St. Louis, March 19.—In celebration of St. Patrick's day the St. Louis Knights of St. Patrick held their thirty-eighth annual banquet at the Southern hotel Thursday night.

CHICAGO FAILS TO PUT UP

Republican National Convention Guarantee Sum Not in Sight.

Statement is Denied by Members of the Chicago Committee, Who Visited Washington.

Washington, March 19.—It was said Friday night by a member of the Republican national committee that Chicago had not yet placed to the credit of the committee any part of the \$75,000 which Samuel Raymond, one of the local committee which secured the convention for Chicago, agreed should be put up to guarantee expenses. Shortly before his death Senator Hanna advised the Chicago committee that \$15,000 or \$20,000 should be deposited, subject to the check of the secretary of the committee, to defray preliminary expenses of the committee. Some bills having arrived from the expenses of the committee on arrangements, Mr. Raymond's attention was called, whereupon he replied that the local committee had been disappointed in collecting subscriptions, and did not have the money asked for. Mr. Raymond requested the committee to draw upon him for any expenses that might be incurred meanwhile. This reply was not acted upon, but two days ago another letter was sent directing the deposit at once of \$20,000 with a trust company of Chicago, subject to the check of the committee on arrangements, and it is said, if a response is not received that this has been done, the executive committee will be called together to decide what should be done.

It is denied by members of the Chicago committee that visited Washington for the purpose of securing the National Republican convention, that any demands of the national committee have not been complied with.

ADAMANT DEWEY ARRIVES.

Naval Officers Return to Washington After Inspecting the Caribbean Fleet.

Washington, March 19.—The Mayflower arrived in Washington Friday, after a trip of several thousand miles to and from the West Indies, having on board Admiral Dewey, Rear-Admiral Taylor and other members of the board of the general staff, and Assistant Secretary Loomis of the state department. All the passengers were well and seemed benefited by their trip.

The Caribbean fleet was found in excellent condition, and it is probable that the board will take occasion to officially stamp its approval on the records of Admirals Barker and Coghlan. Guantanamo is pronounced to be an almost perfect naval base, and the work will be pushed at that point.

It was found that in Guantanamo bay and on the naval station grounds there already exist a natural depression of the coral rock that with little work will become a splendid dry dock.

MANY WITNESS EXECUTION.

Hundreds See Henry Williams Hanged for an Assault on a White Woman.

Roanoke, Va., March 19.—Henry Williams, colored, was hanged Friday. The execution was witnessed by several hundred people, while thousands thronged the streets about the prison. There was no demonstration, but as a precautionary measure Acting Mayor Johnson held a military company in the city during the night and until after the execution.

The crime for which Williams was hanged was committed on January 30, when he entered the house of George J. Shields, and, after assaulting Mrs. Shields, cut her throat. He then struck Mildred Shields, three years old, over the head with a hatchet and robbed the house. After his capture he was taken to Richmond for safekeeping, and during his trial was guarded by 18 companies of state militia. He confessed to the Shields crime, and also confessed to the murder of a woman in Ohio and another in Pennsylvania. He confessed that he had committed numerous assaults on women.

STRIKERS ARE RESTRAINED.

Judge Phillips Issues Sweeping Orders Against Striking Iron Workers at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., March 19.—A restraining order of wide scope was issued Friday by Judge Phillips, of the United States court, against the Iron Workers' Union No. 10, the Hoisting Engineers' Union No. 4 and the Pipe Fitters' Union No. 73.

The essence of the order is to the effect that the members of these unions must not in any way interfere with the work now being done by the Riverside iron works of New Jersey, a company which has several Kansas City buildings under construction.

Grover Cleveland's Birthday.

Princeton, N. J., March 19.—Grover Cleveland Friday quietly observed his sixty-seventh birthday at home. There was no celebration except that he received some of his most intimate Princeton friends who called to offer their congratulations. He also received a number of congratulatory telegrams.

Charles Leighton Dead.

Oskaloosa, Ia., March 19.—Charles Leighton, journalist, politician, traveler and sportsman died at his home Friday of cerebral trouble.

To Grow Seedless Apples.

Grand Junction, Col., March 19.—After experimenting many years a local grower claims to have developed a method of growing seedless apples, which is destined to revolutionize the apple industry just as seedless oranges revolutionized orange growing.

Advance in Price of Glass.

Columbus, O., March 19.—The directors of the Independent Window Glass Co. met here Friday and decided on a five per cent. advance in the price of window glass, effective March 21.

THE FARMER BEGINS TO APPRECIATE THAT HE IS UP AGAINST IT.



—Chicago American.

CARRIED FREE OF POSTAGE

Arguments of the Protective Tariff League Are Distributed at Public Expense.

The Sioux City Tribune is in receipt of a postal card from the American Protective Tariff league containing the following: "Dear Sir: Under separate cover, we beg to hand you our first document for the presidential campaign of 1904, entitled, 'Why First Voters Should Be Protectionists.' If you should need additional copies for your personal use advise us. If you can consistently use the following notice of the document, No. 4, we should be under additional obligations. Yours very truly, 'AMERICAN PROTECTIVE TARIFF LEAGUE.'"

The Tribune has also received the "separate cover." It came from Washington, with the frank of Congressman J. T. McCleary, of Minnesota, and on the left-hand corner of the envelope is printed: "Part of the Congressional Record: Free." The contents of the envelope was a pamphlet of 32 pages, purporting to be a copy of a speech delivered by Congressman McCleary in the house on the subject of "Why First Voters Should Be Protectionists."

This speech, it is needless to say, was never delivered in the house or anywhere else. It got into the Congressional Record through the usual request for "leave to print." It had no right, other than that established by partisan usage, to become a part of the Congressional Record; it has no right to circulate in the United States mails free, except the right conferred by partisan might.

The object of Congressman McCleary in getting "leave to print" is perfectly plain now. He was asked to do so by the tariff league in order that the people of the United States, regardless of party, could be compelled to pay the expense of carrying the league's literature in the mails. The league is rich, but it is also thrifty when it comes to saving postage bills. It is likewise consistent in doing this brazen thing. His command to the American people has always been, "Pay, pay, pay," and why shouldn't they pay postage bills as well as tariff subsidies?

It is to be hoped that when the first voters receive these documents they will not overlook the object lesson contained in the craft worked upon the country. They can ask themselves if it is a respectable cause that resorts to petty trickery to compel the government of the United States to pay its postage bills. It is not a public enterprise in which all people are interested; the people as a whole are not concerned with missionary work of a political character among first voters; it is no part of our government to further such business. This is supposed to be a government of all the people—republicans, democrats, populists alike. And here is a little band of plutocrats, made rich by tariff favors, and representing not even the republicans in the west, getting a congressman to help them work a graft to the end that they be spared a little private expense in furthering their own interests.

CURRENT POLITICAL NOTES.

—The would-be beneficiaries of the ship subsidy scheme must be pained to think that, with all the "graft" that has been distributed within the last few years, they are about the only ones that have got left.—Binghamton (N. Y.) Leader.

—Speaker Cannon rapped the house to order when the members cheered and applauded the mention of his name in connection with the presidential nomination, but he took plenty of time and handled the gavel lightly.—Chicago Chronicle.

—The little ructions that will arise within the democratic fold in such times as these should alarm neither the timid mugwump nor the inexperienced democrat. A very little knowledge of political history will suffice to support the statement that such manifestations usually precede a democratic tidal wave and are a sign of health and not of decrepitude.—Saratoga Sun.

—The evidences of harmony in New York should and will encourage the democrats in other states to get together. They will spell hope to them and induce them to go strenuously about mending their own fences. So long as there appeared to be a lack of unity among the empire state democrats the inducement was lacking to those of other states to do their best. Now, however, that it appears that they can count upon their brethren in New York doing their full duty, democrats everywhere will feel like exhibiting the same spirit.—Pittsburg Post.

SOUTH DAKOTA MYSTERY SOLVED

Miss Rena Nelson Sent the Box of Poisoned Candy to Herself.

SHE HAD A PURPOSE IN VIEW

Wanted to Get Mrs. Dye in Prison, So That Dye, With Whom She Was Infatuated, Could Get a Divorce and Marry Her.

Des Moines, Ia., March 20.—Rena Nelson, a telephone girl of Pierre, S. D., died after eating poisoned candy she mailed to herself in an effort to get rid of Mrs. Sherman Dye, of Boone, Ia., with whose husband she was in love. Mrs. Dye was accused of sending the poisoned candy. She was indicted, but her extradition was denied by Gov. Cummins.

An Authorized Statement.

Sheriff Laughlin of Pierre is in the city. He authorized the statement that it has been established conclusively that Mrs. Dye was innocent and that Miss Nelson herself prepared the poisoned candy and mailed it to herself at Pierre for the purpose of casting suspicion upon Mrs. Dye.

The officers have found the store at which Miss Nelson purchased the candy. The package, the wrapper and the candy have been identified, as well as Miss Nelson as the purchaser the day before the candy was received from the post office.

The Obvious Purpose.

It was the obvious purpose to accumulate evidence upon which Mrs. Dye might be convicted of attempted murder, and Dye would thus be enabled to obtain a divorce, which would leave him free to wed Miss Nelson.

Underestimating the deadliness of the poison, and in taking a portion of the candy, which she supposed would merely make her slightly ill, she took sufficient to cause death after an illness of more than a week.

What Investigation Disclosed.

The investigation disclosed a series of circumstances leading to the same conclusion inevitably, chief among which was the discovery, by means of a microscopical examination, of the postmark on the package containing the candy, that the package had not been mailed at Boone, although this appearance was indicated.

Another link in the chain of evidence was the fact that the front of an envelope which had been addressed to Miss Nelson by Mrs. Dye, in sending a letter of protest against the former's relations with the latter's husband, had been pasted on the package of candy to conceal the address for the plain purpose of casting suspicion upon Mrs. Dye.

More Developments Coming.

County Attorney Goodner says the developments in a few days will cause surprise.

The officials have been unable to find in Boone a candy box similar to the one received by Miss Nelson, but they have found such a one in Pierre. The cancellation stamp on the box is similar to the stamp used in the Pierre post office. It is asserted that Miss Nelson, in letters written to Mrs. Dye, had threatened to take poison.

DECOYED TO HIS DEATH.

Albert Ferguson, a Non-Union Hack Driver Shot and Mortally Wounded at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., March 20.—Albert Ferguson, a non-union hack driver, was shot and mortally wounded, Saturday, by one of four men, probably strikers, who had decoyed him into the outskirts of the city. The quartette escaped. Ferguson answered a call from a downtown hotel, where the four men, one dressed as a woman, entered the carriage. When they alighted, later, they attacked and finally shot Ferguson.

In another part of the city Andrew Meyers, a non-union hack driver, was badly beaten by strikers, and at still another point a hack driven by a strike breaker was demolished by union men. No arrests were made.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

Congressman Burkett, of Nebraska, Isn't Going to Have a Clear Field For the Senatorship.

Hastings, Neb., March 20.—A telegram was received here, Saturday, by friends of ex-Congressman W. E. Andrews, auditor for the treasury department in Washington, saying he would be a candidate for United States senator from Nebraska. The field up to this time has been open for Congressman Burkett, who has received many endorsements. The senator elected next winter will succeed Senator Dietrich.

Murder in Second Degree.

St. Louis, March 20.—A jury in Judge Taylor's court returned a verdict of ten years for murder in the second degree against James Crittenden, a negro who was charged with killing Patrolman McCartney in a shooting affray.

Col. Marmaduke Ill.

Marshall, Mo., March 20.—Col. Vincent Marmaduke is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Harrison, in this city, and it is feared that he will not recover. He has pneumonia.

Germans Forced to Retreat.

Berlin, March 20.—Col. Luetwain, the governor of German Southwest Africa, reports severe fighting there March 13. The Germans were forced to retreat with the loss of seven officers and 19 men killed and many wounded.

The Carnegies Off For Europe.

New York, March 20.—Andrew Carnegie, with his wife and daughter, sailed for Cherbourg on the St. Paul. Mr. Carnegie expects to be absent until next fall.

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